

Minutes of the Tuesday, October 5, 2010 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, R. Barrett, L. Caprioglio, S. Carroll, P. Collington, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger and Associate CTEC members Shankar Krishnan and Subashree Rajagopal.

CTEC'S PURPOSE: to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2010 is posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building and mentioned on the Chatham Township website at www.chathamtownship.org. It has been sent to the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings, join the discussions and participate in projects.

The Chatham Township Environmental Commission's goal is to provide a responsible environmental viewpoint to Township committees and boards and to undertake projects with a strong educational component in order to inform officials and residents about constructive actions that can be taken to preserve the environment.

S. Carroll motioned to approve CTEC and Green Team minutes from September 7, 2010 O. Raadam 2nd with all in favor.

CTEC AND GREEN TEAM MEETING DATES FOR 2010 AND JANUARY 2011.

Every first Tuesday, except no meeting in July, at 7:15 PM at the Chatham Township municipal building. The dates are Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1, July no meeting, Aug 3, Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, 2010 and Jan 11, 2011.

EVENTS

- Date TBA, 10 AM. Ground Water Protection Committee. Willow Hall, Morristown.
- Saturday through Tuesday, October 2-5, 2010. Land Trust Alliance Rally 2010. Hartford, CT. landtrustalliance.org.
- Tuesday, October 5, 8:30 AM. SEAMLESS combined with Ground Water Summit, 8:30 AM to Noon, The Hanover Manor, and 16 Eagle Rock Avenue, East Hanover, NJ 07936. \$20.
- Tuesday, October 5. Ground Water Summit. Hanover Manor in East Hanover. Topic: Road salt.
- Friday, October 15, 2010. ANJEC Environmental Congress, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft. Speakers will include Christopher Daggett, head of the Dodge Foundation and former DEP Commissioner, and Robert Martin, current DEP Commissioner.

GREEN TEAM MEETING (convened 7:46 pm – adjourned 7:57 pm)

S. Carroll, Green Team Chair.

- Reviewed point criteria. The bulk mailing to gauge interest of residents in various recycling programs was not successful. A few of the Sustainable Jersey programs have been canceled. Bronze level needs to be recertified in 2012.

DISCUSSION

Great Swamp Watershed Association is applying for a grant through NJDEP for Loantaka Brook Reservation stormwater improvements. The Commission is sending a letter to NJDEP in support for the awarding of the grant. S. Carroll motion to approve letter and L. Caprioglio 2nd with all in favor. Minor edits may be considered.

- Water conservation plan in condominiums. Individual meters cannot be retrofitted economically into the condo located in Chatham Township. The goal is to propose a change for new condo developments so that they can be retrofitted with individual water meters. This concept will continue to be examined. R. Barrett, S. Hoag.

- Township recycling. P. Collington is the new chair of the Recycling Committee. The Township Committee has requested that CTEC analyze the current Township recycling system and develop a recommendation for possible changes. Currently, curbside pickup is provided to the municipality by Morris County under an annual contract with the Township. The Commission has requested additional information from the Township Committee and is waiting on their response to continue further analyzing the current recycling system.

Recycling of batteries and ink jet cartridges through the Big Green Box program and with the help of DPW which started August 2009 did not progress after January 2010. Initially, the program was to have progress reports between DPW and CTEC. This was done at 3 & 6 months. At around 12 months CTEC was advised that since January 2010 the batteries and ink jet cartridges have not been collected and/or disposed of. This matter will be looked into by the recycling subcommittee to review and submit their conclusion back to the Commission and Township Committee.

- Business cards - F. Esposito suggested having business cards for the Commission members, which all members agreed upon. This will be further pursued with possibly adding shirts and ID cards.

REPORTS

- Open Space Committee report. No report. S. Hoag
- Planning Board report. Discussion of the land use element and land development code will take place on Oct. 18 and public hearing in Nov. L. Caprioglio
- Township Committee report. No report.
- Website Committee report. Pictures on a CD of events and CTEC members are available thanks to F. Esposito.

ISSUES

Ten Towns Committee/Great Swamp Watershed Association ROW vegetation management plan. The Ten Towns Committee dissolved on June 30 and turned over some of its functions to GSWA. K. Abbott and D. Stillinger along with Steve Mountain, Mendham Township Administrator, and members of the GSWA Land Use Committee will meet again with representatives from PSE&G and JCP&L on October 6 to evaluate progress toward a mutually agreeable watershed-wide plan.

APPLICATION/ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT REVIEW

CLOSED. T-Mobile Northeast, LLC. 529 Green Village Road. 9-10-10. Bl 48.21, Lot 179. Application to Board of Adjustment to install antennas on an existing cell tower at the Green Village Road firehouse and to install equipment into the existing Verizon shed. NO ACTION REQUIRED

CLOSED. T-Mobile Northeast, LLC. Sutton Woods Condo Association. 9-10-10. Bl 64.04, Lot 6. Mount Vernon Avenue. Application to Board of Adjustment to place an antenna on an existing JCP&L transmission tower, to build communication equipment shed near the tower and improvements to driveway leading off Mount Vernon Avenue. NO ACTION REQUIRED

CLOSED. Application to the Board of Adjustment, B48.18, L140, The Farm at Green Village, for expansion of a building and construction of a restroom. Approved on September 8 with the condition that erosion control and planting improvements be considered for a manmade ditch beyond the parking lot near the greenhouse which drains from Green Village Road across the property into the Great Swamp.

CLOSED. Application to the Planning Board dated 6-10-10 for minor subdivision for two houses, Bee Properties, 697 Fairmount Avenue, B 61, L 10, R-3 (half acre) zone. DEEMED INCOMPLETE

PENDING. Application to Board of Adjustment, application complete on 7-22-10, 28 Ormont Road, Block 8, lot 4, Gunn. Steep slope, front & rear yard variances to construct a single family dwelling. Hearing on 10-21-10.

PENDING. Application to Board of Adjustment. Jrtian Lin & Chien-jung Huang, 27 Susan Drive, Block 20, Lot 19. Steep slope disturbance. Next hearing October 21.

CLOSED. LONGVIEW/FENIX. Longview Road. April 26, 2010. Block 32 Lots 2, 6 and 8, Block 33, Lots 1, 14, 17 and 20. Ronald Gunn concept plan for 8 lot subdivision on Longview Road.

PENDING APPLICATION AND LOI. CHATHAM DAY SCHOOL. 700 Shunpike Road. 4-5-10. Block 135, Lots 1 & 9. Application to DEP for LOI to determine extent of wetlands - no wetlands or transition areas found on property. Letter sent to DEP. Next Board of Adjustment hearing on October 13 at 7:30 PM.

MAIL RECEIVED

- Minutes of meetings of Chatham Borough and Long Hill Environmental Commissions.
- Various flyers, notices, and newsletters.

ADJOURN

CTEC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:32 PM.

Carolyn Scannelli

Minutes Secretary